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'Talk Has Gone Past Joking Stage'; SF Sets Up 'Machinery'

San Mateo County officials, deciaring that annexation talk in San Francisco has gone past the joking stage, assailed the move as a grab to relieve desperate financial difficulties in the Golden Gate city.

Their comments were made after the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Monday voted to seek annexation of the part of San Mateo County north of Burlingame. A resolution would set up a commission to effect the consolidation.

Supervisor Edward R. McDonald of Burlingame brought the matter before the board meeting this morning by asking whether any communication had been received from San Francisco about the proposed annexation.

"Have we ever received the courtesy of a communication from the San Francisco board asking for our cooperation?" he asked heatedly. "Or have they just grabbed it out of the air, or is it the work of some pressure group?

"Do they ask us to sell our birthright for a mess of pottage?

"What have they to offer us?"

The rest of the board refused to comment during the meeting, but before the session started Chmn. Alvin S. Hatch had expressed the same attitude as McDonald.

"The people of San Mateo County would be foolish to go in with San Francisco," he declared. "What have they got to offer us?

"They want to get, tax free, Mills Field, the jail, water and other properties.

"What's behind it is what they can get out of us."

Hatch reiterated his previous statement that Coastside real estate men who are dissatisfied with zoning laws which prevent them from having large sections classified commercial are behind a committee seeking the annexation of towns in the coastal area.

Roy A. Jones and Lewis R. Schroyer reportedly were heading the Coastside committee, but other leaders in the area declared that although the residents were dissatisfied with the planning commission and the supervisors, they would not go to the extent of withdrawing from the county.

County Executive Frederick Peterson Tuesday declared that talk of annexation no longer was funny.

"We used to joke about this before," he said, "but now we can't. You've got to be serious now."

"The supervisors of San Francisco simply are doing their duty," he continued. "They are trying to raise revenues for the city—they have created a sales tax and talk about income tax.

"They are going into other fields now by attempting to annex parts of San Mateo County which would mean additional income to carry the city's expenses.

"Naturally, the people of San Mateo County are going to be very careful before going into such a matter, for there's no doubt their taxes would be raised sky-high—to the San Francisco level.

"I cannot see any advantage to the residents of San Mateo County by consolidation—we would lose our home rule."

He declared that he did not believe in "large unwieldy units of government," and added that he was "dead against" the annexation proposal.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Daniel E. Sullivan said that if San Francisco attempted to push such a plan through it would run into difficulties.

According to the law, if San Francisco wished to annex the north end of the county, the measure must be approved by a majority of the voters in both the unincorporated and in the incorporated sections.

If one small incorporated city voted against the annexation, the whole plan would collapse, he declared.

"The method proposed now is almost impossible," he said. "This business of breaking up a county has been made pretty tough."

The most practical way in which San Francisco could achieve its aim is by piecemeal annexation, Sullivan said. But in any case, the plan must be aproved by both the residents of the area and by a majority vote of the San Francisco electorate.

C of C Group Vetoes Ad Signs

A chamber of commerce committee, meeting with Mgr. E. W. (Ned) Butler voted against installation of advertisement-bearing bus stop benches.

The proposal had been referred to the chamber by the city council after it had been suggested by Atty. Paul A. McCarthy.

R. F. Martin, Martin Bus Lines proprietor, said he planned installation of non-advertising benches sometime after the first of the year.

Gans Asks Canyon Site For TB Facility, Urges Speed in Construction

Dr. Charles C. Gans, county health director, took issue with County Executive Frederick Peterson as to the desirability of the Canyon site for a new tuberculosis facility.

The climate at the Canyon site is ideal for tuberculosis patients, Dr. Gans declared, and not the "windswept" area claimed by Peterson.

It is the Community Hospital site favored by Peterson that is open to the winds, the doctor declared.

Dr. Gans made his statement while calling for immediate construction of the tuberculosis facility and he released figures showing the immediate need.

He backed up Dr. James O. Greenwell, the superintendent of Canyon Sanatorium, who Saturday advanced a three-point program for starting work on the first unit of a modern tuberculosis facility at the present site of the sanatorium.

Both officials made their attitudes clear as the board of supervisors was preparing to hold two meetings Wednesday to determine the urgency of the new sanatorium. The question of a site will be decided upon that issue, the board members declared.

If facilities must be provided immediately, the board would be limited to starting construction at the Canyon site, for which a $125,000 bond issue was voted last November. However, if the matter can be delayed two or three years, the board probably will decide to build adjacent to Community Hospital, as recommended by the Public Administration Service.

The health department's survey shows that the county now has a total of 475 active tuberculosis cases, of which 35 still need examinations. The rest are under the care of county and private physicians.

Stepped-up case finding procedure has uncovered 141 new cases this year, as compared to 63 in 1946. The deaths this year attributed to tuberculosis number 22 up to Aug. 1, while for the whole of last year records show 37 died of that cause.

Of the 440 cases now under treatment, 170 were described as minimal, or in the earlier stages. Of the rest, 183 were moderately advanced, and 87 were called far advanced.

Dr. Gans declared that about 200 other cases have been reported but are not classified, and many may have died or moved from the county. He emphasized the need for immediate construction of new facilities by stating that tuberculosis ranks fifth in the county as the cause of death.

Seek to Probate Clingan Will

A petition to probate the will of Thomas Scott Clingan, of Woodside, former Bethlehem Steel Co. executive, was filed in superior court today.

In a will dated Dec. 11, 1946, Mr. Clingan made specific bequests totaling $205,000 to his children and grandchildren. Mr. Clingan died July 28 in Seattle.

The petition was filed by Mason C. Clingan, a son who lives at 27 Bridge Rd., Hillsborough, and who has been named executor of the estate.

According to the will, $50,000 trust funds are set up for each of eight grandchildren. In addition, Mr Clingan willed $40,000 to a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Wilson of 121 West Poplar Ave., San Mateo, and an equal amount to another daughter, Mrs. Claire C. Booth, of Hubbard, O. A sister-in-law, Mrs. Jessie Hancock of Youngstown, O., is willed $5000.

The rest of the estate is to be divided equally among the two daughters and his son, who also gets the personal property at Mr. Clingan's Mountain Home Rd. residence.

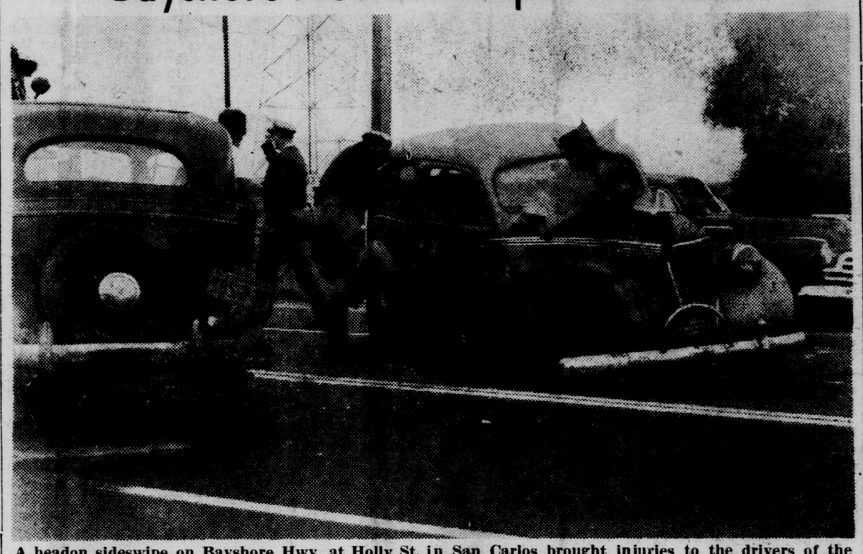
RC Woman Hurt In Auto Accident

Zola Flory, 44, 134 D St., suffered minor injuries in a Bayshore Hwy. automobile accident Sunday at 11:31 p.m.

She was a passenger in a car driven by Eldo Flory, same address, which was involved in a collision at Bayshore and Rogers St. with an automobile driven by John D. Harrington, 28, Court Hotel, Bush St., San Francisco.

Police Lt. S. D. Wood said the two vehicles sideswiped.

Bayshore Accident Injures Drivers



A headon sideswipe on Bayshore Hwy. at Holly St. in San Carlos brought injuries to the drivers of the automobiles involved. Above: Two members of the California Highway Patrol check the cause of the crash a few minutes after it occurred. (Porter photo)

FRANK GRIFFIN: U.S. Aide Talks of Home From Anzio

BY FRANK GRIFFIN

ANZIO, Italy—I was standing on the lovely portica of the Villa Vanessi overlooking the bathers on Anzio Beach when a quiet voice addressed me.

"I am Lieutenant Joseph Solari of the American Graves Registration Service—may I help you?"

I turned to meet the slender, dark-haired young officer from Philadelphia, who, with his five assistants, maintain vigil over America's youth who rest in the United States Military Cemetery at Nettuno.

"Won't you join us for lunch?" invited the lieutenant and together we sat — Pennsylvania, Texas (identical twins), Massachusetts, New York and California.

Talk drifted to America for the boys had not been back for some time and were hungry for news from home and later I questioned concerning relations between Americans and Italians.

"The attitude of the Italians toward Americans here might be described as three-fold," Lt. Solari explained, "friendly, indifferent and antagonistic.

"We try by our actions to develop friendliness. We observe their rules, don't go flying around town in a jeep, we don't flaunt our money and we 'keep our noses clean'.

"The ones we hire to maintain the cemetery we treat with consideration and, from an Italian standpoint, pay them well. These folks carry that feeling home.

"I would say the general attitude of Italians toward Americans is one of friendliness and I believe it is constantly improving."

One of the Texas twins grinned and asked:

"By the way, did you know the Roman Emperor, Nero, was born in Anzio?"

My ignorance gave Texas a time at bat.

"Yep, in 37 A.D. When we have nothing else to do around here we get educated."

Not to be outdone, the second twin lifted his eyebrows.

"There's a rumor around here that it quit raining in California, but we don't believe it. How about it?"

The boys were ganging up on me and the best I could do was to thank Texas for winning the war. Relationship between officer and men was happy.

In his room below near the villa swimming pool, Lt. Solari produced a military map and briefed the operation.

The Anzio Beach invasion by the American Third Division in conjunction with the British First, was an "end run" in support of the bitter campaign driving up from the south.

It was 2 o'clock in the morning of Jan. 22, 1944, that the Allied forces, supported by paratroops, landed on the beaches and, having caught the enemy "off balance," soon established positions on a front 15 miles wide and seven deep.

But the Germans recovered quickly. The Luftwaffe pounded the congested port area for three days' continued raid, and for a month and a half the stubborn German attempts to eliminate the beachhead continued. Artillery from the Alban hills ranged the Allied supply depots on the countryside and by March 4 the battle had become a stalemate.

Naval and air forces strengthened the Allies but it was not until the end of May that enemy resistance was overwhelmed and the road opened to Rome.

Anzio Beachhead was known as "Operation Shingle" and was one of the bloodiest conflicts of the war. 20,000 casualties and 30,000 sick, wounded and injured evacuated to Naples by sea from January to June!

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We climbed aboard a jeep and in a few minutes stood before the 28 acres of "United States Military Cemetery, Anzio Beachhead, Nettuno, Italy."

Here rest the remains of 7483 American youth whose sacrifice made victory possible. A soft breeze unfolded the American flag which, at half mast, saluted the graves of the fallen.

As in France, I passed along neatly graveled paths where, to either side, stretched long rows of white. Some were Christian Crosses, others the Star of David—all perfectly aligned and surface beautifully grassed.

2723 German youth had been buried nearby but their remains now rest in a cemetery of their own.

Lieutenant Solari questioned me concerning home reaction regarding return of the fallen. I did not feel qualified to speak on the point and so stated.

"At any rate," the lieutenant continued, "it is a personal matter of the next of kin. However, you might, wherever you can, tell folks at home that the remains of their sons are in reverent care and that we do all we can to maintain surroundings in best tradition. Services are held frequently. I wish many of the folks could visit here."

I believe Lt, Solari has a constructive point.

Could relatives of the fallen men view the attention and care given the resting places and learn of the sincerity of the men assigned such duty, it might to some degree assuage the grief.

All that can be done the American Graves Registration Service does reverently and well.

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Next—"Audience with the Holy Father."

Atherton Group Probes Land Plan

Atherton Planning Commission held a special meeting this week in the town hall to consider the Redwood City Elementary School Board's notice of intention to purchase a nine and one-half acre school site on Selby Lane.

Howard Boren, commission secretary, declined to say this morning what action the planners had taken, but it is presumed that the board recommended that the land not be purchased.

Boren said City Atty. Winston Churchill Black is preparing a copy of the letter to the school board and that it should be in the hands of school officials in the next few days.

The school board must wait 30 days after the recommendation is received — if it is disapproval of the action — before completing the purchase of the property from John Wickett and Jules Eichorn.

The planning commission had earlier sent its disapproval of the school board's purchase of five and one-half acres on Selby Lane. A taxpayer's suit which was filed against the school district was eliminated when trustees voted to rescind all action and start new negotiations for a larger site in the same area.

P.A. Man In Fatal SF Fall

A fall from an apartment balcony in San Francisco Saturday night brought death to Kenneth L. Miller, a Palo Alto-born artist who had gained a national reputation for his work in textile-blocking. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Miller of Palo Alto.

The tragedy occurred during a party at the home of friends on Telegraph Hill, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Alexander, 1470 Montgomery St.

Information given the investigation officers by the Alexanders and others indicates that Miller had gone out onto the balcony shortly after midnight and had toppled over the low railing to the pavement 25 feet below. It is believed he was killed instantly when he struck on his forehead.

As the balcony was shielded from the rest of the party by drapes, which he and his studio partner, James West, had blocked and presented to the Alexanders, no one knew of the fall until a passer-by notified them of finding the body

West was questioned by police because of bloodstains on his shirt, but was exonerated and released after questioning. He said he had also had a fall.

The two were long-time friends and had been associated in the textile-blocking business for 12 years.

Miller was born here Dec. 7, 1908. He atended the Palo Alto schools and specialized in art at the Palo Alto High School. After high school he continued his work in art. For several years he did the foyer art panels advertising coming attractions for the five Peninsula theaters operated by Ellis Arkush.

For a time he and West maintained the studio at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park, but have been in San Francisco for the past 12 years. They lived at 901 North Point St., but their business address was the Gump Warehouse at 200 Clay St.

Both artists were classified as 4F during the war, but worked as welders in an Eastbay shipyard. Miller drove a taxicab to finance West's training and then enrolled in the welding course himself when his partner went on a shipyard payroll.

The artist is survived by his parents, who live at 475 Everett Ave., Palo Alto, a brother, Max, who lives in San Francisco, and an aunt, Mrs. Edith Booth, who lived in the same apartment house which he and West occupied.

Willis Leslie Gets Permanent Status

Fire Chief Joseph L. Lodi announced today that Willis Leslie had received a permanent appointment as deputy fire chief. Leslie had to serve a six-month probationary period before his appointment became permanent under civil service.

William Hart and J. W. Keller received similar appointments as fire captains.

Three Youths Arrested In Bicycle Thefts

Three juveniles were arrested Sunday by Redwood City police on charges of bicycle theft. Police did not give their names in accordance with department policy of not releasing names of juveniles.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Certificate of Partnership Transacting Business Under a Fictitious Name—No. 1892.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we are copartners transacting business in the State of California under the firm name and style of Smith & Dahl; that the principal place of business of our said partnership is situated at 176 South Boulevard, in the City of San Mateo, County of San Mateo, State of California; that the names in full of all the members of said partnership and their places of residence are as follows:

Oscar M. Smith, 176 South Boulevard, San Mateo, Calif.

Ottar M. Dahl, 2435 Anza St., San Francisco, Calif.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 1st day of August, 1947.

OSCAR M. SMITH
OTTAR M. DAHL

STATE OF CALIFORNIA } ss.
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On this 1st day of August, 1947, before me, Harold Huovinen, a Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Oscar M. Smith and Ottar M. Dahl known to me to be the persons described in and whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, Certificate of Partnership Transacting Business under a Fictitious Name, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

(SEAL) Harold Huovinen, Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California.

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Forum Letter

To the Editor:

For over two years, I have heard members of the Commuters Club state that they were "working on" the idea of getting Southern Pacific Company to issue a monthly commute ticket without SATURDAYS and Sundays, which the majority, who now work on a five-day week, would really appreciate.

I have tried to always be a patient soul — but two years — really, gentlemen — let's not turn this into a "five-year plan"!

All that has happened in the past two years has been the increase in the cost of our commute tickets — which certainly doesn't make us any happier over those wasted Saturdays!

After ALL this time, a persistent little question keeps buzzing around in my "alleged" brain — could it be that some members of the Commuters Club are stockholders in S.P.?

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William Brown Places Second In SF Soap Box Derby Race

Fourteen-year-old William Brown of Atherton Saturday afternoon fought his way into second place in the regional Soap Box Derby held in San Francisco, losing out in the finals to Jim Hurst, 13-year-old Oakland youth.

Brown was one of 16 local boys taken to the regional contest by Al Davies, local derby director. In the local derby a week ago, Brown took second place and in an earlier heat, set a new local speed record of 24.4.

The San Francisco derby was held on Sunset Blvd. at Ulloa St. and was witnessed by more than 10,000 persons. One hundred and two cars were entered in the contest.

Lee Hall, 13-year-old Redwood City winner, and Brown were the only two local boys who won in the final heats. Brown's time of 26.9, second fastest of the day qualified him for the final race.

In the finals, Brown tied James A. Freshman of Berkeley for second place, but beat him out in a runoff.

Davies said Monday that six out of the 16 boys he took to San Francisco qualified for the final heats. They were Frank Gonzalez, Richard Pellarin, Lee Hall, Bill Brown, Dick Jones, and Stanley Raaen. Those with the fastest speeds in the preliminary heats were eligible for the finals, Davies said.

In the preliminary heats, nine of the 16 local entrants won their races, Davies said. Heat winners included Bill Brown, Lorne Ryan, Lee Hall, Stanley Raaen, Bill Noble, Fred Carter, Richard Pellarin, Frank Gonzalez, and Joe Spinella.

Hurst, the winner of the regional contest will receive a free trip to Akron, O., and a chance to compete in the national Soap Box Derby. National winner receives a free four year college scholarship.

Last year, the local winner, Richard Bydgnes won the San Francisco runoffs, but lost out in the early heats in Akron.

County Charter Study Group Names Bromfield Chairman

The committee of seven citizens appointed by the board of supervisors to make a study of the San Mateo County Charter and make recommendations for its revision held its first meeting Tuesday in San Mateo. John D. Bromfield, department store executive, was elected chairman, and Mrs. Richard Heimann of Hillsborough, clubwoman and civic worker, was named secretary.

At the request of the committee, County Clerk William H. Augustus supplied copies of the county charter, administrative code and the Public Administration Service's report on its survey of the health and welfare department. These were distributed to the committee members.

The charter study committee devoted practically its entire first meeting to a discussion of policy and procedure to be followed and it was unanimously agreed that the committee should approach the county's governmental problem with impartiality and with open minds.

Another meeting will be held later this month. Besides the officers elected, other committee members present were Joseph J. Hearne, retired Swift Co. executive and presently mayor of San Bruno; Frank F. Burrows, building contractor and former mayor of Burlingame; Thomas B. Foster, former secret service head and now retired resident of Atherton, who was active on the last grand jury; James J. Joy of San Carlos, labor leader, and George E. Dunn, veteran publisher of Half Moon Bay.

SF Man Arrested On Drunk Charge

Francis Jaspers, 27, 1492 Pacific Ave., San Francisco, a service station manager, was arrested by Redwood City police Sunday on a charge of drunken driving.

Jaspers was apprehended at Middlefield Rd. and Bayshore Hwy. at 9 p.m. He was taken to the San Mateo County Jail and released this morning after posting $150 bond.

Three Fires Halted In San Carlos

Three minor fires were extinguished Tuesday by the San Carlos Fire Dept., Chief Lyle Clark announced Wednesday.

The first fire, reported at 3:50 p.m., was in grass at 2108 San Carlos Ave.

About 50 minutes later a grass fire was reported at the Union Paving Co. property near Bayshore Hwy. Clark said that the fire was confined to a small area because workmen with sacks and shovels fought the fire until the department arrived.

At 7:20 a sawdust fire on the Standish property, East San Carlos Ave., resulted in minor damage to some small pieces of lumber, Clark said.

Abi Gets Bum's Rush In Courthouse Here

BY AL BODI

Her appearance at the courthouse three weeks ago caused no flurry of excitement.

Apparently, she was only another visitor, bent on some private business, or to air a grievance, or perhaps only because of curiosity. The usual reason why anyone goes to the courthouse.

Lately, however, county observers and employes have begun to wonder. Perhaps it's the way she holds herself aloof, polite but not too friendly, or because of her sharp eyes, or the soft way she pads about the various offices.

At any rate, the most noticeable thing about her is her interest in the county's government, and the way the offices are run.

Down in the social service office in the basement of the courthouse, they tried to find out her name, without success. So they named her Abigail—Abi the Tabby, for short.

For Abi is a grey Maltese cat. She first walked in through the Middlefield Rd. entrance, and her first stop was the office of Superintendent of Schools Pansy Jewett Abbott.

Miss Abbott says that Abigail calmly looked over the personnel in the office, displayed a lively curiosity in the filing cabinet, and deigned to accept the offer of some milk.

Did Abigail have any criticism of the way the department was operated?

"Apparently not," Miss Abbott said. "She found the department very efficient."

The next port of call was the county clerk's office. Abi didn't spend much time there—too many people, too many papers about.

She stopped briefly in the converted janitor's closet which is now the press room, but fled in dismay when the maze of phones began ringing.

The social service department got a thorough going over. Abi climbed to the desks, inspected minutely each paper. The inspection evidently is complete now, for she hasn't been back for two days.

Abi climbed to the third floor of the courthouse, where the supervisors hold their semi-monthly deliberations, and snooped outside the door during the usual pre-meeting caucus session. She walked away, looking somewhat doubtful.

Other offices yet to be scrutinized include that of County Executive Frederick Peterson, but Abi has been giving it a wide berth, unsure of what kind of a reception she will get.

Observers are in doubt as to what her purpose is. Obviously not food, since she arrives about 9 o'clock each morning and stays late.

She isn't a county employe, as a search of the civil service commission records reveal.

One theory has been proposed, and it sounds logical.

A month ago the supervisors appointed a committee to study the county charter and recommend changes in the county's government.

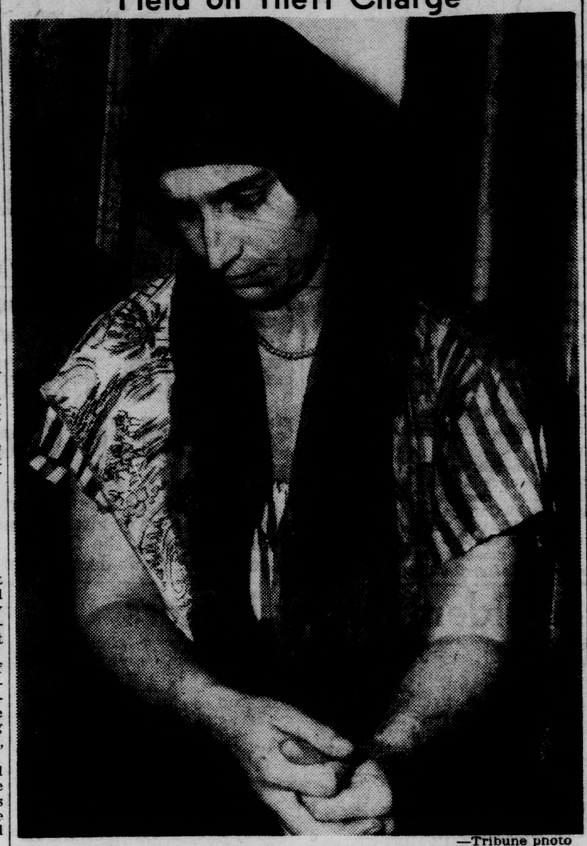
A week later, Peterson appointed a committee for the same purpose.

The theory, then, is that Abi has appointed herself as a committee of one to do the same thing.

There have been plenty of quarrels at the courthouse and Abi perhaps plans to check the various accusations.

She plans to be catty about it.

Held on Theft Charge



—Tribune photo

Katie Adams (above) sits in the county jail after being booked on a charge of petty theft in connection with a complaint that she took $109 on the pretense of helping a woman to lose a "curse." Katie operates a fortune telling establishment for her sister, Madame Lola, on El Camino Real, south of Redwood City.

Submits Evidence Against Plant

L. G. Priest, 110 Dumbarton Ave., one of more than 200 property owners protesting erection of an asphalt plant near the south Redwood City limits, Monday submitted additional evidence against the proposed operation.

Elwood M. Hill, chief of San Francisco's zoning division has advised Priest as follows:

"1. Mr. Ladislas Segoe states any use which may be novious by reason of emission of smoke, dust, odor or noise is a heavy industrial use.

"2. The Harvard Planning Series, Vol. 4, classifies most uses and asphalt plants are classed as heavy industrial.

"3. The San Francisco Building Zone Ordinance No 5464, Sec. 6, Part 27, states, 'those uses which constitute a nuisance or which may be noxious or offensive by reason of the emission of odor, dust, smoke, gas or noises' are not permitted in light industrial zones.

"Also in the same section, we specifically state asphalt manufacturing or refining is not permitted in a light industrial zone.

"You also asked about our attitude toward the establishment of such a plant in or near a residential or business district. If a heavy industry is near a residential or commercial district it should be discouraged. It will mean future trouble to the community as well as the developers of the plant."

State Senator Urges Improvement of Program Of Public Relations

State Sen. Byrl Salsman of Palo Alto urged that theState Department of Education improve its general public relations program.

Although commenting that the department in general does a good public relations job, he pointed out that the department did not come to its own defense either vigorously enough or soon enough when faced with criticism in the recent session of the state legislature.

Speaking before educators assembled at Stanford to attend a recent three-day conference on school public relations, the senator stated that criticisms of the State Department of Education with respect to purchase of textbooks, and of the curriculum commission with regard to adoption of textbooks, were unjustified.

The senator, however, upheld criticism of the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education over the issuance of a teaching credential to Mr. Victor Jewett of Oakland.

"Mr. Jewett is definitely and positively not the kind of a man who should be teaching in public schools, and they were on notice of this fact," the senator stated.

Bernice Carusa Announces Troth

Engagement of Bernice H. Carusa and Arthur R. Blocksom was announced recently at a gathering at the home of the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent A. Carusa of 37 Hyde St.

Bernice is an active member of the Italian Catholic Federation and the Young Ladies Institute. She is at present a San Mateo County employee, working for the department of Public Health and Welfare.

Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blocksom of Pittsburg, is employed at present in San Jose. He served with the army for about two years seeing action in the Pacific area as a sergeant. The betrothed pair both attended Pittsburg schools, Pittsburg being the Carusa home before coming to this city.

Definite wedding plans have not been made, but the altar date will be some time in October.

State to Supply Therapists

The State Department of Health will continue to supply both physical and occupational theapists for the San Mateo County El Portal School, it was announced Wednesday by the Crippled Children's Society of San Mateo County.

The announcement which means the program at the school will be the same as last year was made after conferences with Dr. Jesse Bierman, chief of the State Department's Branch of Child and Maternal Care.

The school staff, assisted by state therapists has just completed a summer course of occupational and physical therapy. The school will reopen early in September, giving the handicapped children care for approximately 11 months of the year.

The fall program will consist of therapy by the two state therapists, a school curriculum staffed and under the direction of the county superintendent's office. The Crippled Children's Society supplies all transportation and pays for maintenance and incidentals including the salary of the school matron.

Recent state boosts of the annual aid grant for handicapped children from $200 to $400 per year may make possible addition of a third teacher, the society said.

Power Line Failure Reported in Belmont

A Pacific Gas & Electric Co. high power line at the Belmont substation failed at 4:04 a.m. Monday, momentarily cutting off power to San Carlos and Belmont. The shutoff was so slight that electric clocks did not stop, Duncan Reynard, district manager, said. When the line failed, the power automatically "kicked over" to another circuit, Reynard stated.

Hillbarn Repeats 'Great God Brown' For Dramatists Alliance on Aug. 19

Eugene O'Neill's great play of masks and character, "The Great God Brown," attracts an enthusiastic public as well now as when it was first produced.

A trek of theater-minded people in the East Bay region to San Mateo has been rewarded by a sensitive and tragic presentation of the play by Hillbarn Theater, and packed houses have turned away some of the crowd.

In order to give another opportunity for the serious theater public to see the play, Hillbarn is giving a special guest performance of "Great God Brown," under the auspices of Dramatists Alliance at the Community Theater in Palo Alto, Tuesday evening, Aug. 19. Tickets are unreserved in the house, which seats 410; price, tax included, is $1.20.

The play is directed by Robert Brauns, who also plays with great effect the part of William Brown, who hopes to achieve the qualities of Dion Anthony by adopting his superficial characteristics (a mask, worn by both players).

The part of imaginative and restless Dion Anthony is taken by William Melton, whose experience in the college theaters at San Jose and Stanford and the Theater Arts Colony of San Francisco gives his sensuous and vivid performance an assured forcefulness.

Elizabeth Hardy of Daly City, whose performances as Millamant in "The Way of the World" and as the heroine in "Joan of Lorraine," have drawn forth cordial praise from metropolitan and Peninsula papers, plays Margaret, the wife who loves the mask, the superficial quality of Dion, and fears the revelation of his actual yearning self, so that her love is transferred to Brown in Dion's mask with innocent pathos.

Masks for the performances were made by Sam Rolph from life-masks taken from the players' faces. The play is done with a fluid rapidity and suggestion of stylized movement which caused the Peninsula Playgoer, syndicated columnist for drama, to say, "There is a mobility and pattern in the action that is musical in effect. The production is a major event on the Peninsula — reading the play gives no idea of the stage effect."

GARDEN: Vegetables Thrive If Ground Is Kept Neutral

BY ROLLY LANGLEY

The question of soil acidity often arises, especially with flower growers, because there are some flowers which require an especially acid soil. But with vegetables we can make fairly general statements. Lenorah Platts of San Pablo says she has an adobe sail, to which she will do anything proper to grow vegetables most efficiently. So she inquires about acidity.

If one can keep the vegetable garden neutral, or just slightly on the acid side, all the vegetables will thrive. True, peas don't do well in an acid soil — but in slightly acid soil, they'll all get by, and most will do their best.

Thus, in an adobe soil, it's not a question of how much lime to put on. (That would make it alkaline, not acid.) If one believes the soil is too alkaline, then soil sulphur can be added, 4-10 pounds per 100 square feet.

But what all adobe needs more than anything else is humus — organic matter, pumice or peatmoss, compost of leafmold — anything which will break up those minute silt and clay particles.

C. B. Smallwood of Berkeley has a 25-year-old apricot tree near which a large redwood hedge is thriving. The apricot isn't doing so well. No doubt it needs nourishment. I suggest 10 pounds of 6-9-6 spread in a band out under the farthermost branches. This should be soaked in, but good.

Mrs. George Simms of Menlo Park writes: "Please give us the lowdown on pears. To pick or not to pick. Our friends say we should pick green and store in the dark. We have always allowed them to turn yellow before picking. Don't know the name of the variety but they are sweet and buttery and good for canning."

The variety ripening at this time is undoubtedly Bartlett, much grown in the lower Peninsula area, and maturing now: It's the leading variety for canning, and when ripe, is sweet and "buttery."

For storing and canning, they should be picked when up to full size, but still green and hard. They will keep a long time in cold storage in this condition, and then can be ripened at will, simply by taking them out of storage.

Usually the pears left to turn color on the trees pick up insects, so all commercial growers pick while green. Home orchardists can let them stay on a bit longer. As pears start to ripen, they're apt to fall. A fallen pear will usually rot at the bruise when kept.

Phyllis Alexander of Hayward finds a lot of wireworms. A solution of soil fumigant soaked into the soil will probably eliminate them.

Mrs. L. Basset of Oakland inquires about a location for bouvardia. It will grow where camellias thrive, although it's much more tender to frost. But it likes the same semi-shaded, moist situation, in a well-drained soil of high humus content.

Grapes are subject to a wide range of diseases, of which mildew is one of the easiest controlled. (With sulphur dusting; and Bordeaux spray, applied against other diseases, helps against mildew.)

Lesley Richardson of Sacramento reports that his grapes suddenly have started to die, while a good crop hangs on them. His brief description suggests it may be deadarm or dieback, which can be fatal. I'd suggest that the local farm advisor of county agricultural commissioner be called on this matter. When a man has an arbor of grapes, he wants to keep them alive.

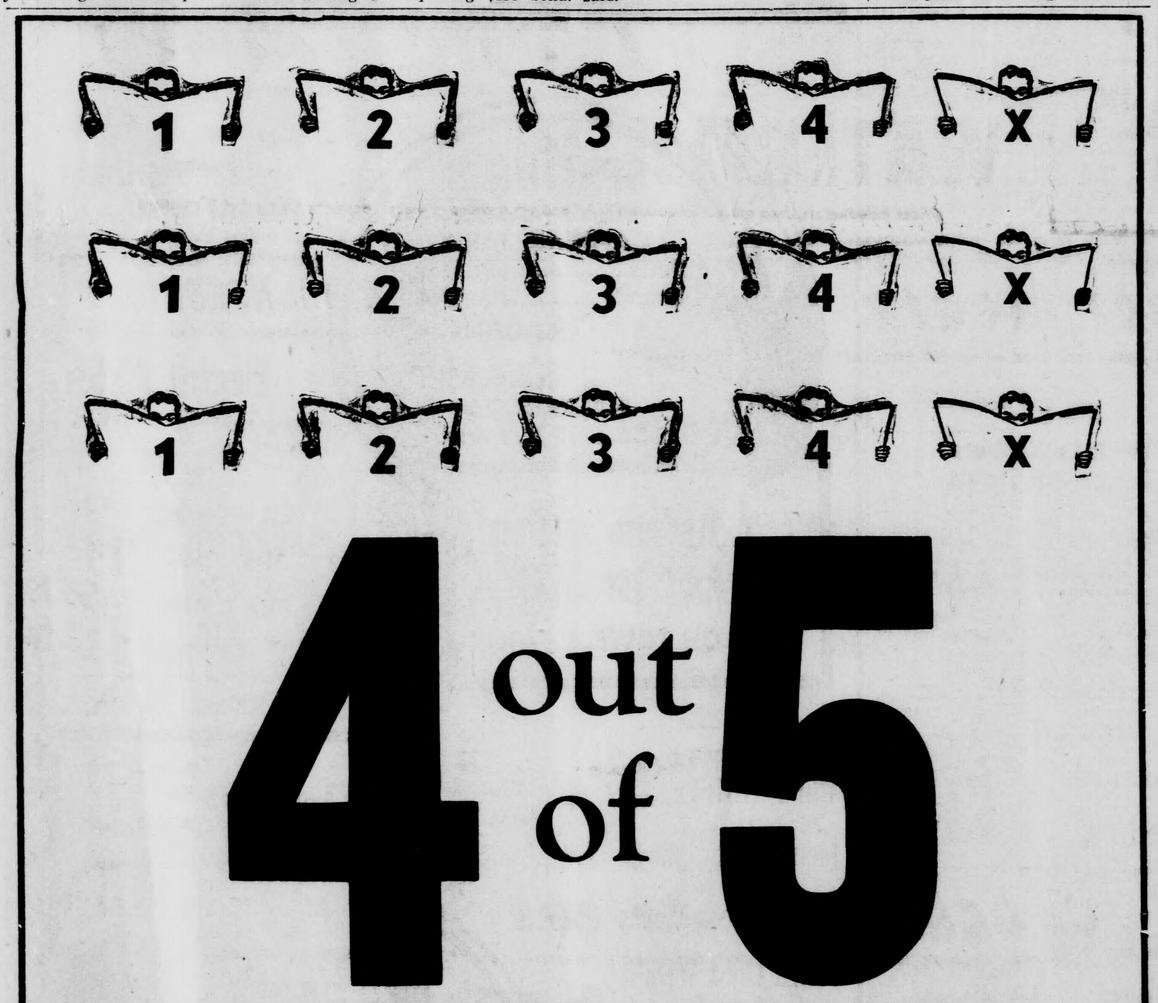
While grapes are usually only watered three times during the growing season — they thrive on the dry side — I'd be inclined to irrigate if vines started dying, just on the chance the soil was too dry to allow plant life to continue.

Apparently M. Scheible of Sacramento has searched the town for oakleaf begonias but with no success. With great confidence, I can recommend he attend the Southern Alameda County Branch of the American Begonia Society show, Saturday, Aug. 9 (noon to 10), and Sunday, Aug. 10, from 10 to 10. They've announced they're going to have plenty of everything horticultural, in the way of shade plants, and plenty of everything gastronomical, for those who always get a yen to eat when they go out. (A big yen, too, witness the candy bars at the movies .

Clerk Fined $150 For Drunk Driving

Arthur F. Bearsby, 28, 115 Webster St., a clerk, has been fined $150 by Police Judge W. H. Thorpe after he was found guilty of drunken driving.

He had been arrested July 6 on Bayshore Hwy.



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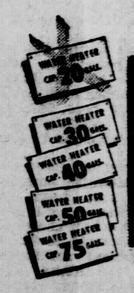

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$109 to Lose a Curse Too High, Woman Says

A fortune teller who claims that she is an "amateur" wound up in county jail as a result of a course of treatment she is alleged to have given to eliminate a "curse."

The "curse," as the district attorney's office sees it, is nothing more than money, and the palm-holding seer had managed to "eliminate" $109 of it.

Katie Adams, 36, of 1422 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, a descendant of the late Gypsy King Mark Adams, was held in lieu of $500 cash bail after a visitor from New York signed a complaint charging her with petty theft.

Dep. Dist. Atty. Henry Davis said that another complaint was being prepared, charging the fortune teller with operating without a license. The licenses in the unincorporated areas of [illegible] cost $100 a month.

The amateur seer was arrested as a result of her activities at the establishment run by her sister, Madame Lola, on El Camino Real south of Redwood City, Davis said.

The complaint was signed by Mrs. Concetta Cerelli, who is visiting a daughter at 170 Cerrito Ave.

According to Davis, Mrs. Cerelli told the following story:

She went to Madame Lola's establishment on July 22 to have her palm read. Madame Katie told her that she was the victim of a "curse" and accepted $9 with which to exhort the curse.

For each of the nine dollars, the fortune teller burned a candle, Mrs. Cerelli said.

But the curse was too potent, and stronger remedies were needed. Following instructions, Mrs. Cerelli went home and wrapped two $20 bills around two eggs, put them in her hair and slept that way.

When she returned to the fortune teller, Mrs. Cerelli said that she saw the eggs heated over a candle. The two $20 bills weren't heated, but they disappeared in smoke.

However, the curse was still battling on. So she was instructed to go home and line her brassiere with all the money she could get — the more money, the less curse would be left.

Upon her third visit, the $60 went the way of the rest of the money.

Davis said that Madame Katie denied taking the money. She admitted accepting $5 for one consultation — $2 for reading each hand and an additional dollar for a "psychic" reading.

Furthermore, she claims that Mrs. Cerelli was her first customer in San Mateo County, that she had arrived four months ago from Los Angeles, and was taking care of the establishment while her sister was away.

She also is not a gypsy, she stated, although her grandfather was one. The whole family was born with power to read palms and foretell the future, Davis declared she told him.

The fortune teller was to be arraigned before Justice of the Peace Edward I. McAuliffe later. A friend from San Jose, meanwhile offered to make restitution of the $109, although denying that amount had been taken.

Frosh, Soph Courses Expanded at Sequoia

A reshuffling of classes was voted by the Sequoia High School Board of Trustees Monday night when the board decided to offer at least 216 freshmen and sophomores a chance to take English and history courses instead of the disputed social living classes.

Letters with return post cards enclosed will be sent to parents of all students registered for social living classes. The first 108 freshmen returning cards giving preference for the English and history classes by Aug. 25 will be allowed to transfer from social living, as will the first 108 sophomores.

This is a minor upheaval of an earlier plan to allow two groups of freshmen to take English and history as a parallel to social living as a test. Supt. A. C. Argo last night recommended that four groups of 27 freshmen be given the English and history courses, declaring that two groups would not be enough for a test.

The board went Argo one better, after someone in the audience quipped, "What about the poor sophomores?" when it voted a similar arrangement for the sophomores.

Trustee Stuart W. Copps said the new setup is "away from the trend," and Chmn. Charles H. Merrill said it was better to "go into it gently rather than cause an upheaval," but when the matter was put to a vote, the board voted unanimously for the new setup.

Argo said the new program could be worked out in time for the start of school.

Trustee Merritt R. Hosmer asked, "Why shouldn't students be allowed to take English and history if they want?" He declared it probably would make very little difference one way or the other which course they took.

Theodore (Ted) Blomquist declared from the audience that he believed social living "is getting too much on the frill side."

Hosmer declared he thought it was essential that sophomores be included in the changeover from social living to English and history.

Social living classes have been disapproved by Dr. John C. Almack, Stanford professor who made a survey at Sequoia, on the basis that students in those classes were not learning enough English and history.

$100,000 Suit Filed in Auto Fatality

The administratrix of a San Francisco woman killed in an automobile accident in Contra Costa County today had filed suit for $100,000 in superior court here against Victor Stubbles, San Mateo County resident.

The suit was filed by Iola Cochran, in behalf of Otto Donithan and his five minor children. Mrs. Dorothy Donithan died July 3 after an accident on June 22 near Pinole.

The complaint charged that Stubbles had invited Mrs. Donithan to ride with him, that he was drunk and that he drove recklessly. The car crashed into a light pole 10 feet from the paved highway, the complaint stated.

Firemen Halt Blaze In Bedroom Closet

A small fire in a bedroom closet at the home of R. E. Jenkins, 2071 Brittan Ave., San Carlos, brought out 17 members of the San Carlos Fire Dept., but was extinguished before it could spread to other parts of the house.

City Begins Improvement Of Streets

As work started on a street improvement project Wednesday, City Mgr. E. W. Blom and City Engineer Cecil Longson pointed out that street improvement is one of the major projects facing the city.

Blom estimated that it might take Redwood City 10 years to bring its streets to a suitable condition.

Although the street improvement project is one facing all cities, it is particularly acute on the Peninsula where cities have grown rapidly during the last few years.

The majority of the city's streets were installed some 30 years ago, and Longson explained that by now they have become worn out.

In addition they are carrying much more and heavier traffic as they deteriorate, he continued.

Blom pointed out that in 1913 when many streets were installed the city had but few automobiles and scarcely any trucks weighing more than a ton. Some trucks now, he said, carry as much as 40 tons.

Streets, when originally laid out, were engineered for small traffic and light loads. Consequently they have taken a beating with the advent of heavy motor traffic and heavier loads, he added.

Blom said the city would have to lay out a plan for its street improvements. Such a plan, he continued, would list a priority telling which streets should be improved first and the method by which they will be improved.

A street and highway plan was laid out by a master plan adopted last Monday by the city council as a general guide for the development of the city.

Major streets in the city can be improved by the use of gas tax funds the city receives as its share of a state levy. Others will have to be improved by assessment districts. The city council in the past has organized these districts on the request of property owners involved.

The project started was in the Redwood Villa Park district. Let on contract to Peter Sorensen, it calls for paving and the installation of sidewalks, curbs and gutters on parts of Center, Linden, Park, Cypress, Madrone and McAvoy Sts.

Although approved some time ago by the city council, the project has been delayed by the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. Since until now there have been no sidewalks in the district, utility poles were planted where the sidewalks will now be installed. The delay was caused by PG&E and PT&T inability to move the poles until now.

Blom said both firms had promised to start moving the poles this week.

4 Hurt in County Over Weekend

Four persons were injured, none seriously, in automobile accidents in San Mateo County during the weekend.

Meanwhile, the first fog of the summer season temporarily tied up traffic on Bayshore Hwy. Monday morning but no accidents were reported to the California Highway Patrol.

Jerry W. Magillicuddy, 57-year-old San Francisco automobile electrician, and Robert H. Dunning, 64, a San Francisco civil engineer, were treated at Community Hospital after the cars they were driving collided on Bayshore Hwy. at Harbor Rd., Belmont.

Magillicuddy sustained facial lacerations and Dunning fractures of the ribs. The accident occurred Saturday night.

Two other drivers were injured Saturday evening in a headon sideswipe collision on Bayshore Hwy. south of Holly Rd., San Carlos. They were Donald B. Robertson, 31, a clerk who lives at 228 Rinconado St., Palo Alto, and Albert P. Brush, 37, Daly City artist. Both suffered minor cuts and bruises.

Board Approves Fiesta Site Plan

Routine approval was given Tuesday afternoon to two projects which previously had been before the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

The board adopted a resolution for a publication of a notice of intent to purchase 25 acres of land from the Bay Meadows Aviation Corp. and the California Jockey Club for a site of the annual county fiesta. The purchase had been before the board two weeks ago but was deferred until the planning commission's favorable report was received.

The county already has in escrow $25,000 for the purchase of the site.

The supervisors also adopted an ordinance formalizing the establishment of a child guidance clinic. The board of directors, which previously was named, already has selected a site for the clinic in Burlingame.

Directors of the clinic are empowered by the board to accept gifts which will be put into a revolving fund to be used for the purchase of toys, furniture or for other child guidance needs.

J. F. Furlong Resigns In Belmont

James F. Furlong Jr., mayor of Belmont, Monday turned in his resignation to the city council after two and one-half years in office.

Furlong, in resigning, declared that his only plans for the future were "to be a good postmaster" in Belmont.

He formally turned in the resignation as the city council was to hold a special meeting tonight on planning matters. In his resignation, he gave no reason for his action. He had announced about a week ago that he planned to quit the council.

"Please consider this my resignation as a member of your honorable body effective immediately," the 65-year-old mayor wrote.

"It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve with you gentlemen and I feel that under your guidance the development of our city will continue to flourish."

He expressed thanks for the "uniform courtesy" and the cooperation that he had received from the council, the department heads and other city employes. He praised the "friendly relationship" between Belmont, neighboring cities and the county government.

"The cooperation that we are getting from these people is an inspiration and an indication that their problems are identical and by forebearance and cooperation the successful solution of them is accelerated," he wrote.

Officer Bray Suffers Injury

Police Officer Philip Bray was thrown from his three-wheeled motorcycle Sunday while answering a call, but escaped serious injury.

At 3 p.m. the officer was answering a call to Broadway and Middlefield Rd. on his bike when the accident happened. Police Lt. S. D. Wood said that Bray was moving east on Broadway when his bike and a car driven by Frank C. Miramontes, 43, 148 Birch St., collided at Broadway and Hamilton St. The car was moving north on Hamilton.

As the two vehicle smashed, Bray was thrown over the front of his bike, landing on his head. He was found to be suffering from concussion and a cut on his head.

Bray, who is 42, lives at 254 Jeter St.

$325 in Fines Collected Here

Redwood City Police Judge W. H. Thorpe collected $325 worth of drunken driving and hit-skip driving fines yesterday. After pleading guilty to a charge of drunken driving and hit-skip, Carl E. Herm, 46, 70 Central Ave., a laborer, was fined $175. He had been arrested July 31. Police arrested him after his car and one driven by Phyllis Reeder, 30, 725 Myrtle St., were involved in an accident at Central St. and Woodside Rd.

Charles H. Shea, 31, 1320 San Bruno Ave., San Francisco, a chauffeur, had been arrested on a charge of drunken driving July 24. After pleading guilty, he was fined $150. His car jumped a curb and knocked over two parking meters and a school zone sign in the El Camino Real 700 block.

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CORNED PORK TOP GRADE PORK—OUR OWN HONEY CURE LB. **35¢**

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BREAST of VEAL DELICIOUS TO BAKE LB. **29¢**

VEAL ROAST BONELESS BRISKET—Government A & AA MILK FED VEAL LB. **39¢**

8 CONVENIENTLY LOCATED STORES TO SERVE YOU ON PENINSULA

1. Donnelly Ave. and Primrose Rd., Burlingame.
2. 1160 Broadway, Burlingame.
3. Primrose Rd. and Howard Ave., Burlingame.
4. Main St. and Middlefield Rd., Redwood City.
5. Marshall St. and Broadway, Redwood City.
6. Ellsworth St. and Third Ave., San Mateo.
7. 446 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno.
8. Broadway Ave. and Hillcrest, Millbrae.

GARDEN FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Price Effective Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 7th, 8th and 9th

GRAPES	Fancy Seedless	4 Lbs. 25¢
CORN	Best Quality Golden Bantam	Lb. 9¢
LEMONS	Sunkist Large Size	Lb. 8¢
CUCUMBERS	Best for Salad	Lb. 7¢
APPLES	Gravenstein Eating or Cooking	6 Lbs. 25¢
SQUASH	Extra Fancy Italian	2 Lbs. 15¢
ORANGES	Thin Skin for Juice	4 Lbs. 19¢

Purity Stores

We reserve the right to limit quantities—no sales to dealers

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